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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 452

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Margie Gifford
Douglas of Nashville, formerly of Winchester.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of Tennessee learned of the passing of Mrs. Margie Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas was an outstanding citizen who performed her duties with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion, giving unselfishly of herself, her time and her talents for the greater good of her family, her profession, and the

Nashville and Winchester communities; and

WHEREAS, Margie Douglas was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas was a highly respected member of the Nashville and Winchester communities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late P.A. Gifford and Gracie Lee (Judge) Gifford of Winchester, Margie Gifford Douglas attended Franklin County public schools and Draughton's Business College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas was an active and devout member of the Oaklawn Baptist Church in Winchester and of the Parkway Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual whose benevolent nature knew no bounds, Mrs. Douglas was the quintessential "pillar of the community"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas was an exemplary and dedicated employee who began her career as a secretary for Hickerson and Murray law firm, working with Ed Murray, former Speaker of the House; and.

WHEREAS, a refined and cultivated gentlewoman, Margie Douglas began her public service for the Tennessee Claims Commission as executive secretary for Ed Murray, when he was appointed Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, a gifted and respected leader with astute business sense, Margie Douglas climbed the ladder of success, and was named Administrative Clerk of the Tennessee Claims Commission in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Margie Douglas was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of thirty-nine years, John Robert Douglas, Jr., and was the proud parent of Jennifer Plattenburg of Winchester and Donna Brewer, both of Winchester. Further, she was sister to Mary Lee Gifford MacDonald of Winchester; and

WHEREAS, she took great delight in being the grandmother of five grandchildren: Julie; Bethany and Christopher Plattenburg, Bryan and Kristin Brewer, all of Winchester; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Douglas leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, friends and colleagues affectionately remember Margie Douglas as an individual who gave unselfishly of herself for the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Margie Gifford Douglas, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living her life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family of Margie Gifford Douglas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.